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Security Message for U.S. Citizens:

Upcoming Protest in Brussels April

19 and 20, 2016

The U.S. Embassy Brussels informs all U.S. of protests in Brussels.

On April 19, 2016 from 11:00 to 13:30 Unions will protest against reforming social plans at Place de la Monnai (in blue on map). Approximately 2,000 people will participate. Local police will be present.

On April 20, 2016 from 13:00 to 16:30 Unions will hold a protest march against reforming retirement plans. Approximately 3,000 people will participate. The march will start at the Central Station to Place Albertina (in red on map).

We strongly recommend that U.S. citizens traveling to or residing in Belgium enroll in the Department of State's <u>Smart Traveler Enrollment Program (STEP)</u>. STEP enrollment gives you the latest security updates, and makes it easier for the U.S. embassy or nearest U.S. consulate to contact you in an emergency. If you don't have Internet access, enroll directly with the nearest U.S. embassy or consulate.

Regularly monitor the <u>State Department's website</u> where you can find current Travel Warnings, (including the Travel Warning for Belgium if appropriate), Travel Alerts, and the Worldwide Caution, Read the <u>Country Specific Information for Belgium</u>. For additional information, refer to <u>Traveler's Checklist</u>.

Contact the U.S. embassy or consulate for up-to-date information on travel restrictions. You can also call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free from within the United States and Canada, or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries. These numbers are available from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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The U.S. Embassy in Brussels is located at Blvd du Regent 27, 1000 Brussels and is open Monday through Friday 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (except U.S. federal and Belgian holidays). If you are a U.S. citizen in need of urgent assistance, the emergency number for the U.S, Embassy is: 02-811-

